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SUBJECT: TERRORIST FINANCE - DOMESTIC USG DESIGNATION OF
HIZBALLAH-RELATED INDIVIDUALS/ENTITIES IN THE TRI-BORDER
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1. (SBU/NF) Deputy Econ Counselor delivered reftel
information to First Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of
Afghanistan Samiullah Ibrahimi and MFA Director of
Multilateral Affairs Naseer Andisha on December 16. Andisha
acknowledged Afghanistan's obligations under UNSCR 1373 and
promised to forward the list to appropriate GOA authorities.
Ibrahimi indicated that he would bring the list to his bank
supervision department for action, but commented that the
Central Bank had not yet issued an order to search and freeze
accounts under Afghanistan's new Anti-Money Laundering law.

2. (SBU/NF) COMMENT: The Anti-Money Laundering law explicitly
grants the Central Bank the authority to instruct banks to
identify specific accounts and freeze them; however, the
Central Bank has not yet developed procedures to implement it
or defined clear delineations of authority to issue such an
order. Post therefore expects that it may take some time for
the Central Bank to respond to this demarche. Post will
follow up with the Central Bank to determine if it issues
instructions to banks. END COMMENT.
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